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Rep. Honda Announces \$900,000 for Santa Clara University

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 2003 — U.S. Rep. Mike Honda announced today that he was successful in securing \$900,000 for Santa Clara University in the \$397.4 billion spending bill signed by President George W. Bush late night on Feb. 20.

"I am proud to announce \$900,000 for Santa Clara University," said Rep. Honda. "These resources will be used to construct a world class library that will be an important resource to students, businesses, and all of Silicon Valley."

"We want to create a world class resource where our faculty and students can gather information from around the world in unprecedented volume," said Jim Purcell, vice president of university relations at Santa Clara University. "Santa Clara must be part of this new wave of accessibility. This grant moves us further along that path."

Santa Clara University is in Rep. Honda's district. The federal monies will be specifically utilized for technology acquisition, smart classrooms, and technology infrastructure for the dissemination of resources to the community.

Santa Clara University is planning to construct and equip a \$76 million library for the 21st century. The new library will serve as an Information Commons that will allow the University to serve as a portal and gateway to the Silicon Valley community including K-12 schools, businesses, and government agencies.